



Department of Human Resources
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Family Investment Administration
ACTION TRANSMITTAL

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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEPUTY / ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT
FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS AND ELIGIBILITY STAFF**

FROM:  ROSEMARY MALONE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE BENEFIT INCREASE

PROGRAMS AFFECTED: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE (TCA)

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS

SUMMARY:

DHR completes a calculation each July to determine whether the TCA and Food Supplement Program (FSP) benefits added together meet or exceed 61% of the Minimum Living Level (MLL, also called the Standard of Need in Maryland). This year the combined benefits do not meet 61% of the MLL and it is necessary to increase the amount of the TCA grant. The change is necessary in TCA because the USDA sets the FSP benefits based on income and household size. States cannot change the amount of FSP benefits they issue.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Apply the increased payment amounts effective October 1, 2014. Use the new payment amounts for financial eligibility decisions made in September for October grants. This includes interim changes, recertification and recoupment cases.

The attached FIP Schedule and Schedule R show the increase in the TCA grant amounts and in the TCA recoupment amounts. The federal poverty level increased as of April 1, 2014. The FIP schedule has a column for the 50% of the monthly federal poverty level needed to determine stepparent eligibility.

INQUIRIES:

Please direct TCA policy questions to Fatmata Khella 410-767-7956 or Fatmata.khella@maryland.gov. Food Supplement inquiries should be directed to Rick McClendon at 410-767-7307 or rick.mcclendon@maryland.gov.

c: DHR Executive Staff FIA Management Staff Constituent Services Help Desk
Bureau of Policy, Research, and Training Staff

FIP SCHEDULE
Effective October 1, 2014

Household Size	Allowable Payment	Used for Stepparent Deemed Income 50% of Monthly Poverty Level	Total Children With One Needy Caretaker
1	\$288	486	
2	\$503	655	1
3	\$636	824	2
4	\$762	993	3
5	\$883	1162	4
6	\$971	1332	5
7	\$1091	1501	6
8	\$1201	1670	7
9	\$1295	1839	8
10	\$1399	2008	9
11	\$1526	2177	10
12	\$1596	2347	11
13	\$1693	2516	12
14	\$1792	2685	13
15	\$1894	2854	14
16	\$2016	3023	15
17	\$2135	3192	16
18	\$2254	3361	17
19	\$2372	3530	18
20	\$2491	3699	19
21	\$2609	3868	20

Poverty level changes were effective April 1, 2014. Add \$118 for each person in household sizes larger than 21. Add \$169 per household member for 50% of poverty over household size of 21.

FIP SCHEDULE R

Effective October 1, 2014

A	B	C	D
Family Size	Allowable Payment	Available Recoupment 10% of Col. - B	Available Recoupment 20% of Col- B
1	\$288	\$29	\$57
2	\$503	\$50	\$100
3	\$636	\$64	\$127
4	\$762	\$77	\$154
5	\$883	\$88	\$176
6	\$971	\$97	\$194
7	\$1091	\$109	\$218
8	\$1201	\$120	\$240
9	\$1295	\$130	\$260
10	\$1399	\$140	\$280
11	\$1526	\$153	\$305
12	\$1596	\$160	\$319
13	\$1693	\$169	\$339
14	\$1792	\$179	\$358
15	\$1894	\$189	\$378
16	\$2016	\$202	\$403
		The recoupment is the higher of \$10 or 10% if the recipient has no other income and it is an Agency or client caused overpayment (non-fraud or IPV)	The recoupment is the higher of \$20 or 20% if the recipient has another source of income and it is an Agency or Client caused overpayment (non-fraud or IPV)